



CMAQ Project Selection Committee
Minutes – Thursday, April 7, 2016

- Committee Members** Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Darwin Burkhart (via phone), Keith Privett (CDOT), Mark Pitstick (RTA), William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors) , Chris Snyder (Counties)
- Staff Present:** Aaron Brown, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Jen Maddux, Russell Pietrowiak
- Others Present:** Steven Berecz, Bruce Carmitchel, Brian Czosnyka, John Donovan, Ashley Engelman, Tony Greep, Terry Heffron, Janell Jensen, Emily Karry, David Landeweer, Sat Nagar, Brian Pigeon, Keith Privett, Mark Reznicek, Pam Sielski, Brian Stepp, David Tomzik (via phone), Paula Trigg, Mike Walczak, Michael Weiser, Shirley Wolfe

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Patronsky announced that there was a change in agenda item 5.0 - Projects Changes and that an updated list of project changes were provided to the Committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2016

On a motion by President Rodeghier and a second by Mr. Pitstick and a vote of all ayes, the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred line items were included in the meeting packet. He stated that they include changes since the last meeting of the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, updated authorizations, and updated project notes.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson reported that the Programming Summary and Obligation Goals table shows that the region has obligated just over \$11.3M. He stated that the region is behind on meeting its \$123M obligation goal in FFY 2016.

4.3 Transit Expenditures Quarterly Update

Ms. Dixon reported that the Transit Project Expenditure Update memo shows that as of December 31, 2015, of the 41 transit projects reported on this quarter, one project was completed but not closed and 8 active projects have had no expenditures of CMAQ funds. She stated that about \$122M has been expended while a \$244M balance remains.

Mr. Snyder asked why transit projects do not seem to be moving and cited reasons may include project implementation phases in out years and FTA grants being approved and expended for the full project amount at one time. He suggested that the memo have more narrative explaining project statuses. Mr. Pitstick responded that two large transit projects are still in the engineering phases and that the implementation phases have the larger portions of funding and suggested that these funds may be obligated in out years. Chairman Patronsky resolved that staff will consider ways to represent transit expenditures to the Committee more clearly.

5.0 Project Changes

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that fifteen projects have submitted scope, cost, and schedule change requests for committee consideration and one project required an administrative modification.

5.1 CDOT – Safe Routes to High School (TIP ID 01-05-0001)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of Construction funds. Mr. Snyder asked if the project was off the deferral list because the local agency agreement was executed and Mr. Privett affirmed.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heffron, to approve the requested reinstatement. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.2 FPD of Cook County – North Branch Bicycle Trail Extension (East Segment) (TIP ID 01-08-0001)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change to revise the project limits back to the original limits so that CMAQ funds can be used to supplement TAP funds.

Mr. Privett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested scope change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.3 Cook County DOTD – Old Orchard Rd from Harms to Skokie Blvd (new limits E of I-94/Edens Expy to W of IL 41/Skokie Blvd (TIP ID 02-97-0006)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change from 2019 to 2017 for the ROW phase.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heffron, to approve the requested schedule change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.4 Evanston – Green Bay Rd Corridor Improvements (TIP ID 02-06-0034)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$1,315,000 federal (\$1,644,000 total) due to bids coming in higher than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Snyder requested to hear an explanation for the high cost increase. Mr. Nagar reported that the bids on this project came in high across the board. He stated that Green Bay Road is one of two major north/south routes in Evanston and described the corridor improvements. Mr. Nagar noted that multiple fund sources are being leveraged on the project and assured the Committee that the requested cost increase is only for the CMAQ-funded portion of the project. Mr. Reznicek surmised that the high bids compared to the engineer's estimate could be due to the location of the project being difficult to transport materials to and to the complexities of construction and staging. He stated that he and the city are not confident that rebidding the project will result in lower bids.

President Rodeghier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.5 Lincolnwood – Lincolnwood UP Rail Line/Weber Spur Bike/Multiuse Trail (TIP ID 02-10-0001)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$160,000 federal (\$200,000 total) due to additional safety requirements and waste removal.

Mr. Privett made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.6 Lincolnwood – Lincolnwood ComEd Utility ROW / Skokie Valley Bike/Multiuse Trail (TIP ID 02-10-0002)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$112,000 federal (\$140,000 total) due to additional safety requirements and waste removal.

Mr. Privett made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.7 IDOT – IL 68/Dundee Rd at McHenry Rd/Wheeling Rd and IL 83/Elmhurst Rd (TIP ID 03-12-0014)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$1,532,000 federal (\$1,915,000 total) due to higher land acquisition costs and higher construction costs.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.8 Schaumburg – Schaumburg Metra Station Bike Racks and Lockers (TIP ID 03-16-0001)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change from 2018 to 2016. The project is on schedule for a local letting anticipated for July 2016.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested schedule change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.9 Bensenville - Church Rd from Jefferson St to Grand Av (TIP ID 08-11-0017)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change from 2018 to 2016. The project plans to be on the June 2016 letting.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heffron, to approve the requested schedule change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.10 FPD of DuPage County - Winfield Mounds Segment - West Branch Regional Trail (TIP ID 08-14-0002)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$147,000 federal (\$182,000 total) due to an increase in the length of a boardwalk. The project is targeting the July 2016 letting.

Mr. Ferguson said that this project is being recommended for transfer to the TAP program at the April 22, 2016 Transportation Committee, so no action from the Project Selection Committee is needed. In response to a question from Mr. Snyder he reaffirmed that the project currently does not have TAP funding but that the project is completing a missing segment of Regional Greenways and Trail Plan which is the major goal for the local TAP program. Mr. Donovan asked if other TAP projects would be removed from the program. Mr. Ferguson responded that other projects would just be moved into later years.

5.11 Glen Ellyn - Glen Ellyn Signalized Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (TIP ID 08-14-0003)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$23,817 federal (\$29,771 total) due to bids coming in higher than estimated.

Mr. Privett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested cost change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.12 IDOT – IL 68/Dundee Rd at Buffalo Grove Rd (TIP ID 10-12-0005)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change to remove the dual left turn lanes from the project. The scope change results in a cost reduction in the amount of \$800,000 federal for the project.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested scope change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.13 Romeoville - Romeoville Metra Station and Parking (TIP ID 12-10-0001)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of Construction funds in the amount of \$35,200 federal (\$44,000 total) to proceed with utility work prior to construction of the station and parking lot. The project is targeting the November 4, 2016 letting.

President Rodeghier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Privett, to approve the requested reinstatement. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.14 IEPA - Chicago Area Green Fleet Grant Program (TIP ID 13-14-0001)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change from 2018 and 2019 to 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019. The amount for 2016 is \$1,000,000 federal (\$2,000,000 total) and for 2017, 2018 and 2019 is \$2,000,000 federal (\$4,000,000 total) each, which will allow the program to continue without a disruption in funding.

Mr. Heffron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested schedule change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.15 Metra - Metra MD Locomotive Repowers (TIP ID 18-12-0006)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change from repowering two F40C locomotives to two F59PH locomotives.

Mr. Privett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested scope change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.16 Lake County DOT - IL 120/Belvidere Rd from IL 134/Main St to US 45 (TIP ID 10-14-0008)

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the sponsor for the project has changed from Lake County DOT to IDOT. Both parties have agreed to this change. Staff made the change as an administrative modification.

6.0 Program Development

Mr. Ferguson indicated that the next call for projects is scheduled for January of 2017. A memo regarding proposed changes for the FFY 2018-22 CMAQ Call for Projects was provided and staff gave a brief overview of the proposed changes.

Mr. Brown gave a presentation on an updated method of estimating air quality effectiveness of bicycle projects, specifically reduced auto usage by providing bicycle

facilities. The new bicycle demand estimation tool forecasts use of proposed bicycle facilities based on mode shift due to bicycle level-of-service (BLOS) within a given project area. Mr. Privett stated that this presentation was recently given to CMAP's Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force and some members are concerned about the underpinnings of BLOS. Mr. Snyder asked if this method could be validated by the Task Force before being presented to the Committee for approval. He said the demand estimation tool ought to come with endorsement from the Task Force.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the current method has not been updated for over 20 years and that members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force raised concerns with the current method back in 2006. Mr. Snyder asked to see a comparison of project rankings using both methods; Mr. Privett expressed misgivings with the data being used in the tool. Mr. Brown stated that staff will meet with members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force members in the following weeks to discuss calibration and validation of the new tool.

Mr. Heffron asked if adaptive signal control proposals would be modeled; Mr. Snyder asked if they could be evaluated after they are implemented so assumptions could be validated. Mr. Ferguson indicated that there was no official post project study planned for adaptive signal control proposals but would be reviewing the recently completed projects in Lake County. With so few projects programmed it would be difficult to do a proper validation.

Mr. Snyder asked if the enhance impact to sensitive population data for direct emission reduction proposals could be put into a map in time for the application cycle. Mr. Ferguson replied that this could be done.

Mr. Ferguson reported that staff proposes to update the transportation impact criteria to include the potential benefit to bus service in addition to the current criteria of travel time reliability, safety, and whether the project is on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) network. Mr. Snyder stated that the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition provided input to the current scoring criteria to establish a hierarchy of importance and suggested that the new evaluation method be presented to RTOC for endorsement. He noted that there is a low density of bus routes west of I-294, so projects in that part of the region would routinely lose 5% from their score. Mr. Ferguson indicated that he did not share that view of bus transit in the suburban market with concern to potentially eligible projects. In response to a question from Mr. Tomzik, Mr. Ferguson clarified that "highway" was not confined to limited-access facilities.

7.0 FAST

Mr. Donovan provided an update on changes to the CMAQ program under the FAST Act and noted that MAP-21 rulemaking continues. He reported that FHWA published final rules for HSIP and safety performance measures on March 15, 2016; final rules for metropolitan planning and bridge programs will be out by the end of the federal fiscal year. Final rules on performance measures of the NHS, freight system, and for CMAQ are expected be released next week for a 120-day comment period. Mr. Donovan stated that formal guidance for CMAQ under FAST will not likely be published until after the MAP-

21 rulemaking process. He noted that the CMAP region is probably already beyond the eventual national standards for CMAQ performance measurement.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Snyder, and a second by President Rodeghier, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.